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GAS RATE QUESTION REMAINS UNSETTLED

HELD UP IN COUNCIL BY ONE MEMBER'S VOTE

Difference of Opinion as to Gas Company's Claim of No Profits

Whether the council ultimately does or does not grant the Medina Gas & Fuel Co. the privilege of increasing its rates to consumers in this village one thing is certain, that it did not do so at its meeting Tuesday night, albeit it came within a hair of doing so, and a gray hair, as it were, at that.

It was confidently expected that council would determine the matter Tuesday night, as it had had a week to deliberate over the gas company's audit submitted by the company purporting to show that the company was supplying gas in Medina at the present time at a loss. As stated in the Sentinel last week, the gas company had been requested to submit an analysis of a disbursement item of \$200,000 appearing in the audit for the year 1918, as further evidence to council that the company is actually up against it financially.

At the meeting Tuesday night Supt. Fenwick Ewing and the company's chief bookkeeper were present and gave an explanation which apparently was accepted by a majority of the members present. Mr. Pallent of Ernst & Ernst, certified accountants, Cleveland, was present and conducted the discussion with the gas company's representatives, bringing out the statement that up to a little over a year ago the company had been content to operate with a lease acreage of about 80,000 acres, with a capitalization of \$400,000 and a surplus of \$668,000. Asked why, if the company had been running on a close margin with the 80,000 acres, it should assume such an additional heavy burden by the expenditure of \$200,000 for new leases, Supt. Ewing replied that it was done to safeguard the present patronage for years to come, and to forestall competing gas companies from gobbling up the territory, which, according to Ewing, is now confined solely to the southern field.

In reply to a question asked by one of the council Mr. Ewing stated that even tho his company should not be granted the privilege of increasing rates here, the company would not be able to operate in any other way at the end of its present franchise.

At this juncture Councilman Mason presented to council the ordinance covering the proposed privilege asked by the gas company and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilman Nichols. And then the fun began. The balloting was as follows: Mason, aye, Warner, aye, Boydon, aye, Nichols, aye, Shaw, no. Councilman Bigelow and Mayor Dimmock escaped the wrangle, by being absent.

Before entertaining a motion for the ordinance to be put upon its second reading, Acting Mayor Warner gave opportunity for discussion of which several councilmen availed themselves. Councilman Boydon declared emphatically that he discredits the company's assertion that it is and has been running business at a loss under the present rates, but excused his aye vote for the adoption of the ordinance granting the privilege of a higher rate by stating that he believed the company was in a position and would be disposed to so cripple service in case it was not accorded what it asked, that in his opinion the question resolved itself to choosing between two evils, and by voting in favor of the ordinance he believed he was accepting the lesser evil.

Councilman Warner voiced a like opinion.

Councilman Mason came out flat-foot for the ordinance. The ordinance did not look especially good to Councilman Nichols, but the latter's impatience at attending so many council meetings without coming to some definite decision, constrained him, he said to cast a favorable ballot, in the hope that by so doing it would tend to speed a result for the gas company, which he thought would be the ultimate end of the question anyhow.

Councilman Shaw was adamant in his disfavor of the ordinance, and apparently was indifferent as to who or how many knew of his attitude. Shaw believes that contracts should be inviolate, and like Shylcock, declared that in its present contract with the gas company the village may justly and should be insistent for its "pound of flesh." Therefore he refused to move for a suspension of rules to place the ordinance upon its second reading, and as there was not enough members to put the thing across without Shaw, there was nothing left to do but to "table" it until the next regular meeting.

However, this action was not altogether unsatisfactory to the other members, who were loth to allow Councilman Bigelow to so easily place himself beyond the pale of future anathema by merely absentsing himself from the meeting.

If all members of council are present at the next regular meeting in September, it seems probable that the gas question will be settled once and for all. If the same line-up is presented at the next meeting the ordinance will die a natural death.

Litchfield and Medina base ball teams will lock horns on the local diamond next Wednesday afternoon, proceeds to go for the benefit of the Red Cross.

GROCERS AGREE ON CERTIFICATES DIVISION

The Medina County Grocers association which was formed on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Medina, at which about fifty of the grocers of the county signed up as members, held its second meeting at the same place, on Thursday night of last week.

The meeting was called primarily to determine the most satisfactory division amongst the county grocers of the sugar certificates for 15,000 pounds of sugar for canning purposes allowed Medina county by the Ohio Food Administration.

It was unanimously decided that the certificates should be distributed equally among the grocers which would allow about 200 pounds each. It was anticipated that this plan might not meet with the approval of the larger dealers, but such was not the case, the equal distribution being generally favored.

A meeting of the executive committee was held Tuesday night at Seville to draft a constitution and by-laws for the association, and another meeting of the association will be held at Lodi on Tuesday night of next week.

Members holding the canning sugar certificates are required to file them with the respective jobbers with whom they deal, and consumers can get sugar from their grocer for canning purposes only by first obtaining an order from County Food Chairman, L. H. Randall.

CONSERVATION OF SUGAR URGED FOR CANNING

Six million pounds of sugar will be issued this week thru County Food Administration Committees, to Ohio households for canning purposes, it was announced Monday by Fred C. Croxton, Federal Food Administrator for Ohio.

To do this it was necessary to draw upon the future allotment of sugar for this state but this step was decided upon by the Food Administration in view of reports from all over the state, particularly from the rural communities, that fruit is going to waste because of lack of sugar for canning.

"It would be most unfortunate if any fruit were allowed to go to waste in Ohio this year because of lack of sugar," said Food Administrator Croxton.

"Sugar is very scarce and we have no assurance that it will not continue to be scarce until the first of the year. We would rather take a chance of getting our allotment of two pounds per person per month for ordinary use during the last two months of the year than permit any food to go to waste now, because of lack of sugar."

We most earnestly appeal to the patriotic housewives to use as little sugar as possible on the table. Use only enough sugar in canning to preserve the food; to preserve a part of the supply of fruits by methods requiring no sugar and to replace some of the sugar, ordinarily used, with other sweeteners.

The certificates for this extra allotment for home canning are in ten pound denominations. They are sent to the County Food Committees to be distributed by them either directly to consumers or to the retailers at the option of the County Committee.

Believing that the greatest need for the home canning sugar is in the country and rural districts the Food Administration is sending a larger proportion of the sugar to the rural counties than to the cities and local committees are urged to see that the outlying districts are taken care of where there is need for sugar for preserving fruit.

There was distributed last week through local committees a total of 2,000,000 pounds of sugar for home canning, in addition to the regular August allotment to retailers, making a total of 8,000,000 pounds for home canning.

Ohio's allotment for ordinary consumption for September is not increased over the amount issued to this state for August. This will be distributed to retailers on the basis of two pounds per person per month.

OVER MILLION GAIN IN REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

The result of the work of the county assessors and Board of Revision shows an increase in real estate assessments over 1917 of \$1,567,500, distributed by townships and corporations as follows:

Brunswick	\$ 92130
Chatham	123350
Granger	10870
Guilford	81030
Harrisville	76320
Hinckley	116870
Homer	75040
Lafayette	27320
Litchfield	40440
Liverpool	128610
Medina	87560
Montville	49070
Sharon	81370
Spencer	90580
Westfield	65650
Westwood	16700
York	37400
LeRoy Corp.	7270
Lodi Corp.	2370
Medina Corp.	52200
Seville Corp.	10730
Wadsworth Corp.	296820
Total	\$1,567,500

The municipal bonds for a new fire engine and engine and pump for the water works were accepted by the State Industrial Commission, they having first been rejected by the Village Sinking Fund Committee and the school board.

WEEKLY NEWS FROM DRAFT BOARD OFFICE

ORDERS FOR DRAFTEES COMING FREQUENTLY

One Consignment Left This Week And Two Are Scheduled For Next Week

Thirty-three draftees were sent to Camp Taylor, Ky., on Wednesday, the names of whom were published in the Sentinel in its issue of Aug. 16. Two changes subsequently were made by the draft board, as follows:

Merle Fuller of Medina was sent in place of Guy Simmons of Medina.

Frederick Hoyt was sent in place of Arthur Barber of Brunswick.

The Adjutant General of Ohio has issued Call No. 1196 for 2500 men from Ohio for entrainment during the four-day period beginning Sept. 8 and ending Sept. 6, 1918, to report to the Commanding Officer, Camp Sherman, Ohio. Only Group C men, those physically qualified for special or limited military service, are to be inducted under this call. The following men have been selected from Medina county:

649 Walter L. Arnholt, Freedom, Pa. 799 Harold V. Hand, Medina 825 Rolfe Reichard, Wadsworth 925 L. Dwight Mason, Wadsworth 980 John F. Blackall, Buffalo, N. Y. 1297 Elliott W. Seeley, Akron, 1307 Paul V. Kreider, Wadsworth

Examination Transferred Aug. 20 Transferred to Chicago, Ill.

1557 Ora Huffman, Chicago, Ill. Transferred to Lexington, Ill.

1182 Eugene Page, Lexington, Ill. Examined Aug. 20, 1918 at Medina

600 Wm. B. Stackhouse, Medina 963 Owen L. Richard, Medina 1776 John E. Burdage, Spencer 1606 Allen Shumaker, Medina 862 Carl N. Fisher, Medina 265 Eugene Frazier, Seville

1619 Wm. Thompson, Medina 635 Floyd Johnson, Litchfield 100 Franklin Culbertson, Lodi 446 Herbert Biggs, Brunswick 1204 Harry Stoner, Wadsworth

1787 Melvin Firestone, Spencer 1374 Harry Woodruff, Wadsworth 801 Wm. L. Colman, Creston 1484 Harry A. Stuver, Wadsworth

425 Harry Scranton, Lodi 1598 Frank Sargent, Dayton 1382 Wilbur W. Barnes, Wadsworth

880 Mma W. Hazer, Sharon 886 James M. Ritter, Medina 1147 Nick P. Weisen, Wadsworth 627 Loren Hayes, Lorain

83 William Wesebaum, Brunswick 1149 Raymond Metz, Wadsworth 1892 Charles C. Shanafelt, Sharon 962 Clark Reinhardt, Medina

270 Frank Heinz, Seville 1699 Charles L. Bart, Mallet Creek 1905 Herbert Huffman, Wadsworth 296 Guy C. Zigler, Seville

1629 Amos Webber, Medina 577 Charles Huntley, Wadsworth 1620 Clifford Tilton, Medina 60 Harvey A. Rex, Brunswick

159 Howard E. Hatch, Sharon 388 George Lintern, Lodi 967 Harold Y. Ziegler, Medina 1778 Roy Cumiskey, Spencer

162 Edward N. Kaiser, Medina 281 Claude Overholt, Medina 1089 James Ford, Wadsworth 192 Elroy Baker, Rittman

1918 Class Examined Aug. 29 165 David F. Copley, Sharon 45 Frank Buschman, Brunswick

Results of Examination of Aug. 22 Sent to Medical Advisory Board 60 Carl Lookabaugh, Spencer

Physically Rejected—1917 Class 450 Barnard Burlinghausen, Medina

1918 Class 129 Henry Koppes, Wadsworth

Limited Service—1917 Class 1459 Lee Dwight Mason, Wadsworth

1918 Class 108 Azro Caverly, Sharon

Class I Group B 40 Frank A. Beckman, Medina

Physically Accepted Class I Group A 10 Merle B. Fuller, Medina

63 Myron Seeley, Mallet Creek 16 Mylo McCoy, Seville

64 Raymond Ludwig, Brunswick 18 Herman Haumesser, Mallet Crk. 58 Walter Johnson, Medina

46 Ernest L. Chambers, Seville 46 Wallace G. Barnett, Medina 107 Benny Romich, Creston

120 Roy Everhard, Wadsworth 150 Warren Baker, Seville

67 Elbert Woodruff, Medina 38 Howard Glidden, Medina

116 Edward Short, Wadsworth 79 Vincent Dereck, Valley City 110 Elton Hoff, Seville

80 Earl Thompson, Columbia Sta. 127 Ford Johnson, Spencer

22 Alfred Herman, Litchfield 75 Edward Echle, Valley City 175 Frank Barabas, Brunswick

97 Harry Maurer, Wadsworth List of Registrants from Medina county who registered Aug. 24, 1918:

Howard Emerson Christian, Medina John Herbert Weaver, Wadsworth

Ralph Buckingham, Wadsworth Charles E. Furry, Wadsworth

Lester S. Storm, Wadsworth Roy R. Rock, Wadsworth

Charles Henry Flath, Wadsworth Rollin C. Willis, Wadsworth

Ross Bernard Hartman, Wadsworth Donald Floyd Root, Spencer

Louis Augustus Wiley, Medina Albert Lutz, Valley City

Donald Albert Kindig, Medina John Flath, Seville

Lester Stahl, Seville Albert Ray Betz, Homerville

Wade Eugene Stokes, Seville Daniel Wesley Meyers, Lodi

FINE PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

FOUR-DAY SESSION TO BE HELD IN MEDINA

Many Well-known Educators From Near and Far Will Participate

Many excellent and well-known educators have been secured to speak at the county teachers' institute, which is to be held at the high school building next week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3, 4, 5 and 6, and the program, which follows, is a most excellent one and doubtless will attract teachers generally thruout the county:

PROGRAM

Tuesday Morning—9:30

9:30 Music—Hubert Conarroe

9:10 Devotional Exercises

9:50 Lecture, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"—D. C. Rybolt

10:15 Intermission

10:40 Music

10:50 Lecture, "The Meaning of Educational Usefulness"—Dr. Yocum

Tuesday Afternoon—1:30

1:30 Music

1:40 Lecture, "Stop, Look, Listen"—D. C. Rybolt

2:20 Intermission

2:40 Music

2:50 Lecture, "The Need of Definiteness in Education"—Dr. Yocum

Wednesday Morning—9:00

9:00 Music

9:10 Devotional Exercises

9:20 Lecture, "Can Children Be Compelled to Learn"—Dr. Yocum

10:00 Intermission

10:25 Lecture, "Motive in Education"—D. C. Rybolt

11:05 Lecture, "Agriculture in the Elementary Schools"—S. M. Salisbury

Wednesday Afternoon—1:00

1:00 Music

1:10 Lecture, "War Saving"—C. Oliver

1:40 Lecture, "From the Other Side"—D. C. Rybolt

2:20 Intermission

2:40 Lecture, "The Elimination of Waste Matter in the Course of Study"—Dr. Yocum

Thursday Morning—9:00

9:00 Music

9:10 Devotional Exercises

9:20 Lecture, "S. T. J. Chart Talk"—Mrs. Mary Stewart Powers

9:50 Lecture, (Subject to be announced)—Dr. Chancellor

10:30 Intermission

10:45 Lecture, "Existing Democratic Elements in American Education"—Dr. Yocum

Friday Afternoon—1:00

1:00 Music

1:10 Business Session

1:20 Lecture, "Economic Russia"—Dr. Chancellor

2:00 Intermission

2:10 Music

2:20 Lecture, (Subject to be announced)—Dr. Yocum

Mearl Manasser Ahl, Wadsworth Clay Clemond Cox, Sharon

Lloyd Claire Wilkinson, Brunswick Herschel Eugene Walters, Spencer

Jay K. Buckley, Wadsworth Charles LeRoy Shumaker, Spencer

Marion Wesley Shumaker, Wadsworth Fudor Traliff, Wadsworth

Edward James Keller, Wadsworth Richard Claire Ault, Wadsworth

George Brett, Wadsworth Glenn L. Freeman, Lodi

Derwin Burr Nettleton, Medina Archie Lee Stonebrook, Sharon

Harry Jay Knopf, Mallet Creek Charles Henry Evis, Mallet Creek

Ervin Jennings Moore, Medina Richard Rolland Bird, Wadsworth

John Kimmaman, Seville I. S. Heddinott, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

The Adjutant General of Ohio has issued Call No. 1231 upon Ohio registrants, for entrainment during the four-day period beginning Sept. 3 and ending Sept. 6, for 10,000 men to report to the Commanding Officer, Camp Sherman, Ohio. Under this call, Medina county has a quota of 22 men and the following men have been selected from the county for this call:

3 Harold T. Burnham, Medina 11 Leslie V. Blough, Wadsworth

13 Albert E. Gill, Ajo, Ariz. 15 Harold G. White, Homerville

27 Herbert F. Bradway, Medina 32 Delsie E. Fisher, Medina 33 Aldis H. Carnes, Sharon

34 Joseph Gavlok, Rt. 1 Brunswick 37 Geo. H. Ormeroid, Spencer 42 Louis Smith, Seville

44 Bert Good, Rt. 1 Medina 45 Fred G. Muntz, Rt. 6 Medina

208,000 OHIO MEN FIGHTING GERMANY

One out of every seventeen men in the army and navy of the United States is from Ohio.

Approximately 208,000 Ohioans are now in the armed service of the country in the war against Germany, and that total does not include the large army of workers for the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus, nor the women workers and nurses of the Red Cross who have gone from Ohio to the camps or to the front.

This summarization of the militant participation of Ohio in the war was given Monday by Adj. Gen. Roy E. Layton.

These are Ohio's contributions to the fighting forces of the country compiled from official records in the adjutant general's office and from government and state estimates.

Inducted under selective service law, including 6,650 who will go next week, 122,655; Ohio national guard division, 27,000; volunteers in army, approximately, 26,000; volunteers in navy and Marine Corps, estimated, 30,000

Besides these noted, there have been several thousand volunteers in all branches and departments of the service, the total number of whom cannot be estimated. The adjutant general's estimate of the grand total to date is 208,000.

NEWSPAPER RESTRICTION BEGINS NEXT WEEK

As announced in the Sentinel last week the War Industries Board has ruled that beginning the week of Sept. 1 the amount of print paper to be used by weekly newspapers must undergo a reduction of 15 per cent, based upon the monthly output of the newspapers for the previous year. The war board's rule is mandatory.

However, patrons of the Sentinel will suffer little by virtue of this order. The established size of the Sentinel, as our readers know, is eight pages, which size up to a little more than a year ago was maintained ever since the paper was started many years ago. In order to accommodate its rapidly increasing advertising patronage without encroaching upon its news columns it became necessary to add to the erstwhile usual number of pages, and as we have stated our readers have been supplied with a much larger paper for considerably more than a year without a corresponding advance in subscription price.

These added pages have in the main been two each week; that is, a ten-page paper instead of the established number, eight. But for a number of weeks during the year the Sentinel has given its readers twelve pages, once fourteen pages and a few times as many as sixteen pages—all for the same price, one dollar a year. But in providing its readers with more than an eight-page paper, the war board rules that such paper must effect a reduction of 25 per cent. Thus as will be observed, there must be weeks when only eight pages can be issued.

To conform to the recent ruling by the War Industries Board the Sentinel will be compelled to curtail the use of white print paper 25 per cent. on the monthly basis of the previous year's output. But, as will be seen, the curtailment will also be made on the basis of a ten-page paper, instead of the original eight-page size. Thus our patrons will continue to receive a ten-page paper only at such time or times each month as will be necessary to accomplish the required 25 per cent. reduction in paper for the current month.

Newspapers are also required to make other reductions, such as ceasing sending out sample copies, exchanging freely with other newspapers, and in the issuing of special or industrial editions. It is likewise forbidden to carry subscribers beyond the date to which their subscription is paid. This, however, does not affect the Sentinel, as it has been on a rigid cash-in-advance plane for a number of years, as its readers well know.

CLARK-HOFF

Miss Lena Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Clark, and Howard E. Hoff, were quietly married last week Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the Fidelity Baptist church at Cleveland, Rev. J. Raymond officiating.

Mrs. J. T. Tomlinson and daughter Lillian were witnesses of the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoff spent the remaining part of the week at the Tomlinson cottage at Beulah Park. Mrs. Hoff for the past five years has been employed at the office of the A. I. Root Co., resigning her position last May. Mr. Hoff is a successful young farmer, whose home is on West Lafayette Road. They will be at home to their many friends after Oct. 1.

DEATH OF VIOLA MATHESON

Mrs. Viola Matheson, 32, wife of Ed. Matheson of Lorain, died at her late home on Sunday night, at 8 o'clock, from child-birth. Besides the husband, there survive four children and step-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brokaw of Lafayette Road, Medina. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the late home, following which the body was brought to Medina for burial in Spring Grove cemetery. The deceased before her marriage resided in Medina.

The retail price of food in this country has increased 15 per cent in the past year, and 69 per cent in the past five years, according to a report issued by the department of labor Tuesday. The greatest increases have been made in beef and hens. The cheaper cuts of beef went up 36 per cent as did hens.

USE OF AUTOS ON SUNDAY STOPPED

ORDER EFFECTIVE EAST OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Estimated Saving of 2,000,000 Gallons of Gasoline in Ohio Every Sunday

All owners of gasoline-consuming pleasure vehicles in the states east of the Mississippi river were called on Tuesday by the federal fuel administration to cease to use automobiles, motorcycles and motorboats on Sundays, until further notice, to exercise rigid economy in the use of gasoline until the requirements of the army at home and in France are met.

If the request is not complied with voluntarily, mandatory orders restricting the use of gasoline will be issued by the fuel administration officials announced.

In the state, it was estimated, more than 2,000,000 gallons a Sunday will be saved and the total saving in the states east of the Mississippi river will approximate 24,000,000 gallons.

Besides conserving gasoline needed for thousands of army trucks, tanks and aircraft, compliance with the request will keep 4,000,000 automobiles in the garages and will cause millions of persons to seek other recreation than pleasure riding as their Sunday diversion.

The only motor vehicles to which the restrictions, which are effective for the "next few weeks," do not apply are tractors and motor trucks employed in actual transportation of freight, physicians' vehicles used in performance of professional duties, ambulances, fire apparatus, police patrol wagons, undertakers' vehicles, public utility company repair outfits, gasoline-consuming railway equipment and motor vehicles on errands of necessity in rural communities where railway transportation is not available.

Persons who persist in using pleasure cars on Sunday, while the regulations are in effect, may be arrested, it was indicated at the United States district attorney's office, for violation of the federal law under which the fuel administration operates.

Physicians, undertakers, and other persons whose automobiles when used in performance of professional duties, are exempted from the restrictions, were advised last night to lower their cars to avoid inconvenience, and to be able to present credentials.

BUY U. S. S. NOW; SAVE INCREASE AFTER AUG. 31

Thousands of Ohioans will avail themselves this week of the opportunity of buying War Savings Stamps before the increase in price of 20 cents on each \$100, which becomes effective after Saturday. Many of these purchasers will be those who are redeeming pledges made during the June campaign, and who will take advantage of the chance to save an appreciable amount on large purchases.

During August the government is charging \$83.80 for 20 War Savings stamps, which will be redeemed Jan. 1, 1923, for \$100. After the first of the month, the price will be \$84. On purchases of "the limit," \$838 will buy 1000 worth of War Savings Stamps during the balance of August. In September, the cost will be \$840.